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My Brothers,

The days of sun and fun are here. My hope is that all of you are enjoying both and our wish is that all of your days are filled with everything pleasant.

Brethren, on June 16, 1980 an appeal for funds to support our program for the detection and treatment of Aphasia and Dyslexia was mailed to each member of the Valley of New Bern. A small number, approximately 9%, have responded in such a beautiful way to that request. Many notes of praise and remarks of concern along with contributions have been sent in and it is heartwarming to know that there are those who care. This is our program, my Scottish Rite Fellows. If you haven't made a contribution, please do so. Let's make YOUR HELP THEIR HOPE.

My Brothers, Masonically this is a time of challenge. Almost every Grand Jurisdiction is experiencing a decline in membership. The growth in other Masonic bodies has slowed. It is up to us to reverse this trend.

We offer you THE CHALLENGING REUNION for November **13, 14 and 15,** 1980. This presents a challenge to us to go out after those candidates. My good Brothers, every Blue Lodge Mason who is not a member of our Scottish Rite Bodies is a challenge to you to sell him on the wonders, the beauties and the moral teachings of our degrees. When is a good time to get that candidate? NOW!! Will you accept the CHALLENGE?

Fraternally,

Charlie Potter

Charlie Potter, 33°
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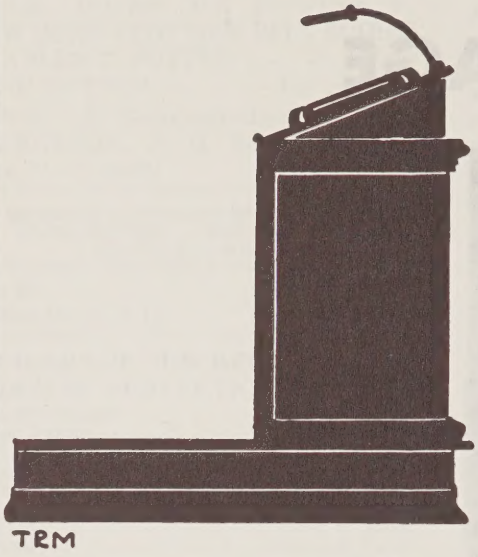
THE CHALLENGING REUNION — NOVEMBER 13, 14 and 15



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

"GET OUTSIDE"

There was a man who lived in the last century named Edward Lear. He was brilliant in more than one field, being both a writer and an artist. He painted beautiful landscapes, but they were not his best contributions because they seemed to lack the realistic feeling; they reflected a study without real life. He actually never worked outside, but would glance at the countryside, draw a hurried sketch and then hasten indoors to paint the picture in comfort and ease.

Preachers at times seem that way, too. They stay inside and drone away from the pages of Theology, with no sign of ever being where people were, of being tempted, lied about, suffered, or having really lived. It is sort of like the lady who never went into the garden without gloves. Their preaching has no feeling of the world's tragedy and none of the values of Life as it really is. One of the best things that ever happened to John Wesley was for the church doors to close against him and force him out of doors. We need to stop waiting for people to come to us and to our way of life or Movement, but to go to them, where they live, and move, and work.

Our Movement of Scottish Rite Masonry or Freemasonry in general has suffered much because we wait for people to come to us, into our Temples and into our Lodges to see our Movement at work. In many cases, or Communities, no one would ever know what a Mason believed in unless they were to chance on a Masonic Funeral that was in progress. That is one reason why I was so pleased at Past Grand Master Bob Pugh's Manifesto when he was in the office of Grand Master asking all Masons, at times, to go to Church in a body, to be seen among men.

Scottish Masonry teaches *all* that the pursuits and occupations of this life, its activity, care, ingenuity, the predestined developments, even of nature, are given to us by God and are not at war with the great purposes of Life. The Movement teaches us that everything is beautiful in its time and in its place. That everything in which man is put to do, if rightfully and faithfully done, naturally helps us to work out our salvation.

We must "Get Outside". A living heart can inspire warm affection and mingle with man's labors. There are many faults in the toils of Life itself. Many harsh words are often times uttered, but still Life goes on and we need to be there, for we are a part of its going." These words come to us from Albert Pike in his *Morals and Dogma.*

Our great business in Life as a man, and a Mason is, to live it, where it is; Inside and Outside. Think of those who might come *Inside* if we would only go *Outside* where they are. It has been well said, "Live not a useless, impious or an injurious Life, for bound up with that Life is nothing but endless retribution, but live for Him, with Him, where His people are, and our own lives will be meaningful and unfold even as the ages of Eternity itself unfolds."

The words, "Get Outside," have tremendous meaning now for us in our time and as we prepare for another Scottish Rite Reunion.

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Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

(Several months ago Brother John D. Wilson of Wilson, North Carolina furnished us with the following news letter and notification of the Wilson Scottish Rite Club. This club is reported to be one of the oldest clubs in the Valley of New Bern and you can tell by the date in the notification that this was not just yesterday.)

We hope you will enjoy this bit of nostalgia . . . .

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KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!

Hi Hiram:

Looking back on our Ladies' Night we see a successful and happy gathering of friends and brothers and their ladies who came to listen - to learn - to find out more about this thing called Masonry and what it means to the peace of the world today. And incidentally they were having a good time too. The Program of Entertainment was furnished by Johnnie & Eddie, Wilson's Night Club and Broadway Entertainers, and Smiley O'Brien, Singer of Cowboy and "Hill Billy" songs with J. M. "Pop" Andrews at the piano. Our own Minstrel Man "Rusty" Willams, and his lovely wife entertained us with Minstrel gags, songs, and stories. You can always depend on the Williams Family to get in there and pitch where and when they are needed. Thanks a lot good people!

To continue the Ladies' Night Peep Show - W. T. "Dick" Bundy, Sam Bundy and Robert Pugh were very good indeed in their sero-comic talks. Brother Pugh spoke on the worth and value of the Scottish Rite Club; Sam Bundy in his own inimitable way gave the address of welcome. Mrs. C. L. Blackburn responded to this address as only Mrs. Blackburn can. Dick Bundy introduced Dr. Hubert Poteat who gave the address of the evening and what a wonderful address it was. It really swept us off our feet. To me it was just wonderful and I can't express my appreciation in mere words.

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And I know everyone who heard it feels the same way. Thanks a million doctor!!!

The Scottish Rite Club of Wilson owes Brother Charlie Seifert, (the Spizerinctum of the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina) Consistory No. 3, a big rising vote of thanks for his lending a helping hand to us as Scottish Rite Masons and to our Club. Honest Brother Charlie, we don't know what we would have done without you and Brother Robert. I always feel free to call on you two, for I know you won't let us down -ever!!

Looking forward to Macclesfield, and our next regular meeting, we find that everything is shaping up fine, and Fonsie Felton and the Macclesfield Scottish Riters are right in there "pitching" to make this the biggest and best regular meeting of the year. "Fonsie" tells me that the Ladies of Macclesfield will prepare the supper at our usual price per plate of $1.25 - - so come prepared to enjoy good food and hear an educational Masonic talk by an outstanding Masonic speaker. And another thing bring a Blue Lodge Brother along with you as your guest and show him just what good Masons and regular fellows the Scottish Rite 32° men are. Here's an extra punch - be there brother!

"Think on these things:" If we were at war today and asked you Scottish Rite Masons to recruit five men apiece to fight the enemy, we could count on 100% cooperation. You bet you! However, the United States is not in a shooting war with anyone. But Consistory Number Three is at war with "Old Father Expense", and believe you me, there is a heap of expense to furnishing a new temple - and that's what Consistory No. 3 is now doing. So you see we do need new blood - and Charlie is asking you now to help furnish that needed ingredient . . . Candidates.

Get this: Some one invited you or perhaps somebody had to persuade you to become one of the Scottish Rite faithful, so why not encourage that Blue Lodge Brother to take the step to a wider and greater Masonic experience. Get that Candidate brother and I don't mean maybe. "Think on these things".

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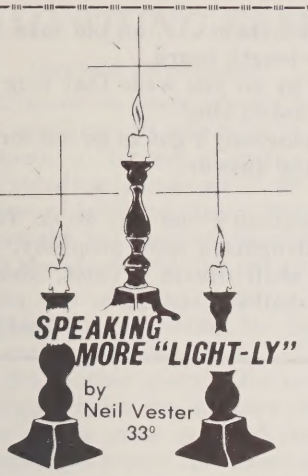

Summer is a sailor in a rowboat and ice cream on your dress when you are four years old. Summer is a man with his coat off, wet sand between your toes, the smell of a garden an hour before moonrise. Oh, summer is silk itself, a giant geranium and music from a flute far away.

— Michael Brown

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Speaking in Quotes: I'm in favor of longer commercials on TV. It's the only chance I get to read my evening paper.

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When good advice goes in one ear and out the other, it leaves a vacuum in between.

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Age is mostly a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

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Overheard last week: "Last week my wife and I celebrated our tin anniversary - 12 years of eating TV Dinners!

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The jets are so fast nowadays, it's possible to have breakfast in New York and then arrive in Los Angeles to find nobody awake yet.

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Anybody who can afford to pay the interest these days doesn't need the loan.

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Heard on the 5th of July: "Whenever you go to a place that features sand, sun and surf, you come back burned, bushed and broke".

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Speaking With the Ladies: Most women are either trying to put on weight, take it off, or rearrange it.

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The only thing most women regret about their past is the length.

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There is only one bad woman in the world and every husband thinks she is his wife.

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Incidentally, now that I finally understand women, my wife won't let me out of the house.

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Show me a man who does what he wants and I'll show you a bachelor.

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Johnny: "Hey, Doris, wouldn't you like to play a game of Post Office with me?"

Doris: "I'd rather play Building and Loan."

Johnny: "Building and Loan? What's that?"

Doris: "You get out of the building and leave me alone."

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The bus was already crowded when the fat woman entered. She stood for a moment glaring at the seated passengers. "Isn't some gentleman going to offer me a seat" she asked.

At this, one exceptionally small man rose. "Well," he said, rather shyly, "I'm willing to make a contribution."

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A shoe salesman who had dragged out half his stock to a woman customer, said: "Mind if I rest a few minutes, lady? Your feet are killing me!"

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Speaking in Jest: A party of clergymen were attending a Presbyterian conference in Scotland. Several of them set off to explore the district. Presently they came to a river spanned by a temporary bridge. Not seeing the notice that it was unsafe, they began to cross it. The bridge tender ran after them in protest.

"It's all right," declared the spokesman, not understanding the reason for the old man's haste, "we're Presbyterians from the conference."

"I'm not caring aboot that," was the reply, "but if ye dinna get off the bridge, you'll all be Baptists!"

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A pretty lass in a night-school English class was disturbed when the instructor announced: "Tomorrow night we will take up syntax."

"Goodness!" she exclaimed. "If they're going to collect that, I'll never be able to afford the tuition."

Bishop (reading telegram from one of his ministers): "My wife passed away Wednesday. Please send substitute for over the weekend."

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Waitress: "We have practically everything on the menu."

Customer: "So I see. Can you bring me a clean one?"

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The two young nudists were being shown around the colony. One thing puzzled them . . . an old man wore an ankle-length beard.

"Why do you wear that long beard?" they asked him.

"Somebody's got to go out for coffee," was the answer.

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Speaking From His Book: Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:28

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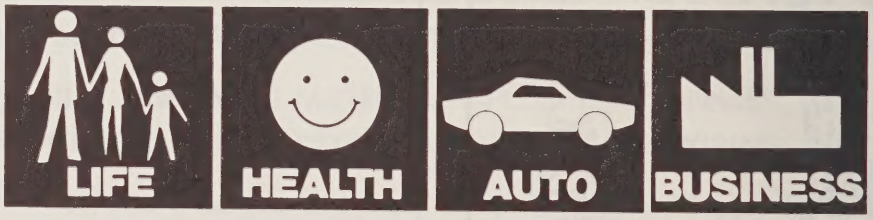

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport

About ten or so years ago we bought our first small car. It was a joy to scoot around town in - for me, at least. Mary Frances steadfastly refused to drive it. The business of shifting up and down was more than she felt like coping with, she said, and she stuck with the gas-guzzler.

But gas was only in the thirty cents range back then, so driving the big car wasn't really all that bad. Today, though, it's another story. Our present little car goes twice the distance the big one does on the same gas, and the current price of gas makes this about a thirteen dollar difference in a three hundred mile trip. The difference in city driving is even more significant. So we do more and more of our going in the little car, and we are both just about sick of it.

When I was about eight years old Santa Claus brought me a wagon for Christmas. It was a wooden wagon, with hard rubber-tired wheels. That wagon rode better than this little car we have now. This car is so short coupled that going over a bump the rear wheels hit the bump before the front wheels get through with it and the resulting jarring would impress a linebacker.

You know those joints in the highway that make the tires on a full-sized car go "flapperty, flapperty, flap?" Well, those same highway joints make our little car feel like it's crossing a rail yard.

This car will make your teeth chatter in hot weather, your legs weigh more than the rest of you, and your posterior feels like an old-fashioned school teacher just played a hickory tune on it.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

The car's smallness offers *some* advantages . . . I can roll up the right window without leaning over and reach things in the back seat without turning around. Also, I can make a U-turn on a narrow street and park in a pup tent. But Mary Frances and I can't sit abreast in the thing without knocking elbows, and I must lean way to the left to make room for her to open her purse.

Once in a while I get out on the Interstate with the thing. When a string of big trucks pass me I can just push in the clutch and let the trucks draft me along for five miles or so. But there's a danger in this - the tires on the trucks come just about to my eyes when I sit in this little car, and if one of those tires ever blows when I'm right off against it, it'll blow me and my fine car slam into the next county.

You should see the engine in this car. It's about the size of the alternator in our other car. This little car is so underpowered, it speeds up when you push in the clutch. On a recent hot day I made the mistake of switching on the air conditioning before starting up the hill next to the office and two joggers passed me on the way up.

Our daughter's dog, Ernie, doesn't care for the little car even a little bit. Ernie is an old hand at traveling by auto, his family having moved from North Dakota to Mississippi, the long way around, and made numerous trips to North Carolina in the interim. So Ernie, a right good-sized animal, long ago determined his favorite spot in a car was in the foot on the right front, and that's where he heads when he gets in a car.

Well, he tried it in the little car. Once he got curled up enough to get in his favorite spot, he was curled so tight he almost never got himself uncurled. So he mounted the right front seat and tried to curl up there, but his legs hung between the seat and the door, or his head got tangled with the gearshift, or his tail waved endlessly in a vain attempt to find room to light, and he found that most unsatisfactory too. Ernie just didn't care for that little car.

Ernie's gone now, we were only keeping him a short while before shipping him on to Germany to be with his family. A few days before he left it suddenly struck me that Ernie was going over there to mingle with all those German dogs, and he couldn't have uttered a German bark if his life had depended on it. So I tried teaching him just a little German and our daughter has written us he seems to be communicating with the German hounds pretty good.

It is not absolutely required that you smoke opium in order to write this kind of stuff, but it helps.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Is Life Worth Living?

Masonry is not meant to be a beautiful ideal which no one can live out in practice and profit thereby. It is a dynamic way of real, happy constructive living. When Masonry is lived out to its fullest, it means living in harmony with God and our fellowmen. J. B. Phillips in "For This Day" has said that "God . . . our inexcapable contemporary . . . is in us and with us in all the mess and muddle of human life", as well as when we are at our Sunday best. I can hardly imagine a more all-inclusive definition of the dynamics our masonic teaching - which is ever centered in the All-sufficiency of the Great Architect of the Universe who sets the designs for true living and the building of "the house not made with hands . . . eternal in the heavens."

It is a well known truth that one sees in life what one truly looks to see. The real difference between people is not so much the difference in age or wealth or rank as it is in the difference in outlook, disposition and character. A man either lives as he thinks or he thinks as he lives. Unfortunately, there are those who never look at the skies; they simply dwell in the dust! These are the people who think life and the human soul is but an arrow shot from the bow of the cradle to the target of the grave. As such, they think, the direction is predetermined.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

One is helpless to change the direction! Can one overstate the real tragedy of millions of lives - made for love, immortality, and to walk with God - men live as though death ended it all. We do well to ask "What is the ruling motive which gives direction to my life?"

It is also so easy to slip into the materialistic way of looking at life. This is a common and popular way of looking at life. Human worth is estimated in terms of cash instead of character. Blessed is the man who uses his material posessions to make men and not men to make money. It is better to have rags and a crust with a pure heart than all the soft raiment and sumptious fare than the mere accumulation of things. How our nation could ponder this thought as we celebrate our birthday! We are taught that altruistic love is the royal law of life. When the instincts are harvested to the highest end, then, and only then, will men find the fulfillment of life in a fellowship of service. We often learn that lesson too late in life.

Then, there is the best; the spiritual way of looking at life. Masonry is a system of morality. When we can look at life through the eyes of the prophet we shall be looking for the revelations of God's will and the evidences of His presence. "What do you now behold?" Masonry teaches us that we can see life as a trust from God to be employed for His glory and for the good of all men. Apart from God life has no serious meaning. We are Masonically taught to put our trust in Him. Without His designs, humanity is started on a feeble, pathetic, useless journey which ends in the dust. If, however, God has given us our lives, there must be something more than dust and oblivion. Man would return to the dust and the place would remember him no more.

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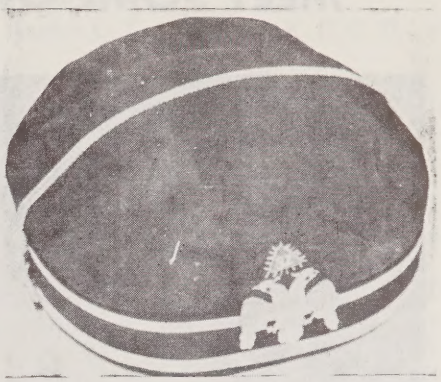

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, June 1st. This was a covered-dish supper and was held at Havens Garden in Washington on the Pamlico. Thirty members attended, Lucille Jones was the guest of Grace and Ashley Leggett.

A period of fellowship was enjoyed before the meeting which was called to order by Vice President James Saleeby. Julian Vann gave the invocation which was followed by the home prepared meal, served 'picnic style'.

President George Gillespie presided over the business session which consisted only of discussion of the July meeting. Due to the long weekend of July 4th, it was decided to hold the meeting on Sunday, July 13th. This will be a 'pig pick'n' affair and will be held at the home of Fred and Carmella Hollis on the south side of the Pamlico River. All members are asked to meet in the parking lot of the Dairy Barn in Chocowinity and the caravan will leave there at five o'clock P.M. Everyone is asked to bring their own utensils and lawn chairs.

Ashley G. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H.

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The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, July 13th. The date was changed due to the long weekend of the 4th.

This was a special occasion, a pig-picking party, and it was held at the home of Carmella and Fred Hollis on the south side of the Pamlico River, just across from Broad Creek. The Hollis home, a three story, split-level type, sits high above the river on a knoll some 400 hundred feet from the shore. A spacious deck faces both north and east from the middle level of the home, offers a panoramic view of the beautiful Pamlico.

Robert Gordon furnished the pig which was barbecued on the 300 foot wide Hollis lawn, the preparation of which began on Saturday.

President George Gillespie presided over the meeting and the Reverend Ray Alexander gave the invocation. There were some 65 or 70 members and guestspresent.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Golden Corral Steak House on Sunday, August 3rd at 6 P.M. All other business was dispensed.

The club thanked the Hollis' and the Gordons' for their hospitality and expressed their appreciation for a wonderful social affair.

Ashley G. Leggett, 32°, K. C. C. H.

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting Friday night, June 13. About 20 members and their wives enjoyed a delicious fried chicken supper. Invocation was given by James E. Yates. President Clarence White entertained a motion to cancel the July and August meetings. The annual summer picnic was set for September 5. President White asked all members who had a Scottish Rite cap to wear them to all meetings. A fellowship time followed the meeting.

James E. Yates
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting at the Vicki Villa Restaurant at 7:00 P.M., Monday evening, May 19, 1980.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Brother Elmer S. Horner. The invocation was given by Brother Fred Brothers. There were 20 members present.

Brother Horner read and discussed a letter concerning the Scottish Rite program for the detection and treatment of Aphasia and Dsylexia.

There will be special entertainment at our next meeting, June 16th. All members are urged to attend since there will be a discussion on what to serve for our annual dinner.

All members were thanked for attending the meeting by the President, Elmer Horner.

There being no further business, the

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meeting was adjourned.

Gurnie E. Needham, 32°
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The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met Monday evening, June 16, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. at the Vicki Villa Restaurant.

A Dutch supper and fellowship was enjoyed with 14 members present and one guest, Rev. Jim Hicks.

President Elmer Horner presided and Rev. Hicks gave the invocation.

Rev. Hicks was guest speaker and had a very impressive talk about the Bible.

Our shrimp supper discussion will be tabled until next meeting, July 21st.

Cards were sent to the sick members in the hospital.

Attendance was low tonight, due to the farmer's crop season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gurnie E. Needham, 32°
Secretary-Treasurer

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club held its May meeting on Wednesday, the 28th, at the VFW Hut on Highway 11, South. There were 24 brethren present.

The Invocation was given by Brother Bruce Cannon, 32°, followed by a nice steak dinner.

Brother J. C. Koon, 32°, called the meeting to order and asked the cooks to stand and be recognized. Brother "Dick" Adams, 32°, cooked the delicious steaks to order. Brother "Buddy" Albritton, 32°, prepared the wonderful salad bar and the potatoes, and Brother Oakley Reynolds, 32°, toasted the garlic bread.

Brother Gary Johnson, 32°, reported good progress in the sale of tickets for the barbecue. He said plans had been made for starting the cooking about midnite Friday. He has lined up the needed cookers and attendants. Several Brothers volunteered for helping Saturday with preparations and sales along with several of the wives.

Brother "Bobby" McCoy, 32°, read an article from the New Age concerning the dangers of volunteering with good intentions for some task which cannot be carried out. Say yes only when our time schedule permits completing a project. Say no when the pressure of time is apt to keep us from fulfilling the obligation. Accept assignments only when sure you can complete them.

This is the last meeting until September. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely and fraternally,
H. Oakley Reynolds, Jr., 32°, Scribe

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting at Smith Transfer Company, June 4th, at 7 P.M.

After the twenty-five members and one guest had enjoyed a BBQ chicken supper prepared by Brother Emmett Matthews, President Bobby Parker called the meeting to order, and welcomed all.

He informed the club that the Wilson DeMolay Chapter Dad had approached him reference aid for their candidates to attend leadership conference in August and then called on Brother Donald Tomlinson, who attended this conference last year, to relay to the club some information of the conference from his experience. After hearing Bro. Tomlinson, Bro. Starling Bissette made a motion that the club make a scholarship available to the Chapter of the cost of tuition for one candidate. Motion was seconded by Bro. Ray Adams and the motion carried.

The President informed the club of the passing of Brother Carl Brown Renfrow and called on Brother Cecil Boyette who spoke to the club reference Bro. Renfrow.

The President informed the club that the membership goal of a 25% increase had been reached and that it turned out to be a 50% increase at the present time but to continue to seek new members and candidates during the summer.

Being no further business, the President announced that the next meeting would be September 3rd and adjourned for the summer.

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The Valley of New Bern Court of Honour Holds Its First "Congregational" Meeting

The Court of Honour in the Valley of New Bern held an informal meeting in the Scottish Rite Temple on July 14, 1980. Charlie Potter, 33°, Secretary, opened the meeting by stating that it was called for the two-fold purpose of passing on to them information concerning our operation to date and receiving from them input that could be used to benefit our Order in the future.

The Secretary opened by giving an update on the Scottish Rite philanthropy of supporting the Aphasia-Dyslexia program. He said that the Scottish Rite Bodies through the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation had pledged their support of this worthwhile program. He also said that in response to a letter to all Scottish Rite Clubs two had initiated fund-raising programs. He also reported that about 8% of the individual members of the New Bern Valley had cointributed approximately $8.80 per member in response to a personal appeal to each member. Everyone agreed that the program was good and needed our support.

The Secretary reported that at our Ambassador's meeting on 16 March there was a substantial interest shown in re-establishing a "Second Honeymoon" type program for the wives of our candidates. It was stated by many of the ladies in attendance that they wanted to be a part of the Reunions at which their husbands were receiving the Degrees. Those present agreed that this deserved consideration by the Advisory Conference.

The Secretary reported that several suggestions had been received regarding the Ladies' Night Parties that are held prior to our Reunions. Some of the compliants stated that there are few candidates at these parties and that the party basically served the same families year after year. One writer suggested that these meals be Dutch. It was generally agreed that the Ladies' Night Parties did serve a definite purpose and that we should continue to have them as at present. Some expressed an opinion that we should endeavor to keep our costs as low as possible.

The Secretary called attention to the present Life Membership policy. He stated that this enabled a member to pay his dues for life while his earning capacity was at its greatest, never have to wonder or worry about dues or dues card and a protection against an increase of annual dues. He said that under the present policy Life Memberships could be purchased on the installment plan for $25.00 down and $25.00 per month for 15 months for a total of $400.00. He urged the brethren to give this publicity in their respective areas.

The Secretary then gave a report on the financial status of the Valley as of June 30. He stated that income was approximately $48,000.00 below the budget estimate. He explained that most of this was in initiation fees and explained that we were short in candidates for the Spring Reunion. He reported that expenditures were overall less than budgeted but there were overages in utilities, due to increased cost of fuel oil and in contributions caused by an assessment in support of Aphasia-Dyslexia.

The Secretary announced that the four Blue Lodges of the New Bern area were attempting to put on a Masonic play - **A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR**. It would be sponsored by the Scottish Rite. It was hoped that the first performance would be in early fall. All expressed the feeling that this could be good for Masonry in the entire area.

The Secretary then brought up the subject of our forth-coming "Challenging" Reunion. He expressed a concern for the lack of candidates. He stated that all of the Valleys in North Carolina had experienced a sharp decline in the number of candidates for the Spring Reunion. He said that a basic cause was the National economy but there were several contributing factors. Many prospective candidates had stated their difficulty in getting three days off during the middle of the week. They had also been reluctant to take part of the work at one time and finish at a subsequent Reunion. The Secretary reported that he had discussed this problem with the secretaries of other Valleys and they had tried various means of coping with this particular problem. Some had tried one day Reunions, some had tried consecutive weekends and some had changed the days of the week. After a lengthy discussion the following conclusions were reached:

1—We should not go to a one day festival type Reunion.

2—That because of distances involved for Degree teams and personnel involved in supporting the cast, we should not go to consecutive weekends.

3—That we should consider changing the days of our next Reunion to make it as convenient for the candidates as possible.

My Brothers, the Advisory Conference has set **Thursday, Friday** and **Saturday, November, 13, 14** and **15** as the days and dates of the next ("Challenging") Reunion.

The Secretary then commended and thanked the brethren for the work they did in the April Reunion. He paid particular tribute to New Ambassadors for their efforts.

All of those present expressed their pleasure at having been invited to a get-together as a special body to give and receive information about the affairs of the Order - a real up-date. Everyone felt that the meeting was good, that it made them feel like they were a real part of the Order. The input, my Brethren, was meaningful and very informative.

The Secretary left with the feeling that the members of the Court of Honour are interested in our Order and are going home to go to work. Brethren, we have to have a large class. You can do it and will do it.

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Letter From Grand Secretary General

(The following is a letter received from Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, Grand Secretary General, concerning interesting reading in the August issue of THE NEW AGE magazine.)

Brethren:

In the August issue of *The New Age*, your special attention is invited to the Grand Commander's Message on page 2, "Voting: Are You a Citizen or a Cipher?"

Other articles of special interest include:

Citing the activities and philosophies of Brother Charles W. Lerch, 32°, of Colorado, as they relate to improving the American public school system, Dr. Raymond W. Miller, 33°, G.C., writes an inspiring essay on what we as Masons must continue to do to help cultivate good citizenship in our youth. Page 6.

Bro. E. F. Du Teau, 32°, in an open letter, "A Father To His Son, Just Twenty-one," tells his son what he feels in his heart on this most important of birthdays. Page 10.

A discussion of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution as related to several U.S. Supreme Court decisions, appears on page 13, entitled "Separation of Church and State," by Bro. Roy P. Swanson, 33°.

A philosophical essay on the saga of human life, "The Philsosphy of 'Easier' and 'Harder,'" by H. J. Bolen, Ph. D., 32°, appears on page 20.

"Lulled By a Light Breeze," by Dr. T. J. Ozburn, 32°, uses as his text from the Bible, Acts 27:13, and takes to task the apathy shown by many in our Country which may catch us unprepared for the turbulent future ahead. Page 23.

The life of "William the Silent—Prince of Freedom," by Bro. James W. Beless, 32°, K.C.C.H., is an inspiration to us as members of the Rite, as he lived and died for the principles of truth, mercy and freedom. His legacy, The Netherlands Act of Abjuration of 1581, served as one of the models for our Declaration of Independence. Page 29.

The "North Central Sector Workshop" highlights are reported in an informative and intersting style by the Managing Editor of *The New Age*, Bro. Aemil Pouler, 33°, G.C. This program of the Mother Supreme Council continues to inspire the leadership of the Scottish Rite to further achievement on all aspects for the betterment of life in our Nation. Page 39.

From antiquity to the present, "Freemasons:" [whether operative or speculative] have been "Artificers of Freedom," writes Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, USA (Ret.), 33°, G.C. Page 45.

Bro. H. Raymond Lowe, 33°, presents an interesting historical anecdote, " 'The Slim Princess' Was No Lady," a story of a train and the Masonic growth and development in California and Nevada, during the "Gold Rush" years. Page 48.

All the articles and regular features of *The New Age* should be of interest to every Scottish Rite Mason.

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	Date	Time	Place
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Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club	3rd Monday each month	7:00 P.M.	Vickie Villa Restaurant Elizabeth City, N. C.
Grifton Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:00 P.M.	VFW Hut, Hwy. 11, South
Martin County Scottish Rite Club	1st Wednesday each month	7:30 P.M.	To be announced
Morehead City Scottish Rite Club	4th Tuesday each month	8:30 P.M.	Masonic Hall, 204 S. 18th St,, Morehead City
New Bern Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:30 P.M.	New Bern Scottish Rite Temple
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